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New Track Begun In Gym Facilities Expansion Plan

\$250,000 In Cash Is Already
Received; \$400,000
Is Pledged

Contract For Field House
To Be Let In Near Future

Swimming Pool To Be Ready
Within Year on Present
Athletic Field

With about \$250,000 of the \$400,000 pledged already collected, the Institute's new athletic plant is now under construction. Under the revised plans a new track is being built on Tech's property west of Massachusetts Avenue.

Plans for the field house are being completed by Professors Lawrence B. Anderson and Herbert L. Beckwith of the Department of Architecture, and it is expected that bids on construction are to be called for in a month. Spring should see both the Lockers and the track completed. Construction on a swimming pool next to the

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Gym

Freshman Camp Opens Today Despite Damage By Hurricane; Record Crowd Of 414 Attends

New Presentation Of Athletics At Camp

Undergraduate Activities Explained; Tech Life Bared to Freshmen

Featured by exhibitions of swimming, rifle shooting, fencing, wrestling, crew races, and lacrosse, the 1938 edition of the annual Freshman Camp will provide the newcomers to Tech with a comprehensive insight into the activities which are open to them while at the Institute. This method of introducing sports at the camp is an innovation, and is hoped to better ac-

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Camp Activities

Embryonic Engineers Enlist Elements In Imminent, Irritating, Icy Inundation

Living in the wilderness in the vicinity of Camp Massapoag, John Murdoch, Sophomore class president '41, will attempt to survive the next three days without receiving a ducking in the frigid waters at the hands of his arch enemies, the members of the class of '42. Hair dyed a jet black, profile completely renovated by plastic surgery, Murdoch has a disguise that will defy detection by any of the four hundred freshmen present at the camp.

In view of the extreme disgrace due any class that fails to perpetrate the traditional "presidential plunge", freshmen are advised to duck immediately any suspicious persons lurking in the camp vicinity, particularly if they cannot produce credentials to verify their identity. All recognized Sophomores should be thrown in the lake not once, but at least three times, so that there will be no chance at missing the president.

Other Sophomore presidents have
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Soph President



John B. Murdoch, '41

All Main Buildings At TCA Camp Are Safe

Work Speeded to Restore Power and Light for Arriving Freshmen

Despite the fact that hundreds of Mammoth Pines were uprooted at Freshman Camp, all the boats, docks, and buildings, except the Canteen, are intact, and a record crowd of 414 freshmen will depart for Lake Massapoag on schedule.

Although last night there was neither power nor water at the camp, it is expected that such services will be restored by the time the newcomers make their arrival. However, to forestall any difficulties, emergency steps have been taken, and water is to be carted to the camp.

The Canteen, where refreshments were sold, was partially demolished by falling timber. At latest reports, Friendship Lodge, the Tech Cabin, and the Mess Hall, besides the cabins, are unharmed.

The 414 Freshmen and 50 counselors will find the ball field under water, and they will not be able to use the basketball courts. However, the other sports will be offered as usual, and for those who really want exercise, saws and axes will be offered to help clear away the fallen wood.

Despite the fact that the region around the camp was more severely hit than other places, all the main roads to it have been cleared, and Elmer F. De Tiere, Jr., '39, with 25 helpers set out last night to clear the road to camp. However, the Freshmen will have to carry the blankets and mattresses about $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile to camp.

Debaters Will Engage Radcliffe in Harangue

Freshmen Invited to Attend Swing Music Agreement

A novelty for members of the class of 1942 interested in debating will be presented in an exhibition debate with Radcliffe college on October 6, 1938, it was announced last night by the M.I.T. Manager of Debate. The contest, to be held on the subject of "Resolved, that Swing Music Is Detimental to American Culture" will be the feature of the free smoker which all freshmen are invited to attend. The debate will be held in the Oregon style which allows cross questioning of the speakers.

Hurricane Fails To Daunt Newshawks In Quest Of News "What Is News"

Since the days of the first Neanderthal reporter chiseling his news into a block of stone, the creed of the newshawk has been to get the best news first. And so it was that two nights ago, hearing as they huddled over their trusty radios that Providence, R. I., was flooded, four of the Tech's reporters left in the search of the best news first.

As they sped along the deserted roads, they heard but dimly the warning shouts that the roads were impassable and the National Guard might not let them through. But they pressed on, avoiding by the veriest of miracles the tangled trees and

debris strewn upon the roads by the raging winds, determined that the first and best news should be theirs. Arriving in Providence even as the flood receded, they saw National Guardsmen preventing looting of stores, and automobiles still running with the flood water that had covered them. They learned for a certainty that they were the first to reach Providence from Boston after the start of the storm. They had reached their goal of the best news first.

Then, on the last lap of their trek, they raced back to Boston, where they forthwith set to work recording their adventures, that the news might be known. They wrote of them in their letters to home. "Who else," said they, "could be interested?"

FRESHMAN CAMP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

2:30 P.M. Assembly at Walker Memorial to leave for camp
5:00 P.M. Swim
6:00 P.M. Supper and Announcements
History of Camp Massapoag—Mr. Gridley
Camp Doctor's Announcements—Dr. John W. Chamberlain
7:30 P.M. Assembly in Friendship Lodge—Bill Wingard, President of the Class of '39 in charge
"Welcome to Technology"—Dean Edward L. Moreland, Dean of Engineering
"High Spots of Technology"—Professor Charles E. Locke, Alumni Secretary
"Student Government at Technology"—Bill Wingard, '39
Announcement of All-Tech Smoker to be held Monday
Tech Songs and Cheers—"Obie" Dennison, '11
9:45 P.M. Councillors' meeting, Friendship Lodge.
10:00 P.M. Taps

SATURDAY

7:00 A.M. Reveille; Setting up exercises—Graham Brush, '40; Dip
7:30 A.M. Breakfast and Announcements
8:00 A.M. Camp Details
8:30 A.M. Discussions—"Newt" Fetter
9:15 A.M. Presentation of Activities—Wiley Corl, '39
10:00 A.M. Group Activities Meetings in Tents
10:30 A.M. Presentation of Athletics—Stuart Paige, '39
11:30 A.M. Group Meetings for Athletics
12:00 Noon Swim
12:30 P.M. Dinner and Announcements
1:45 P.M. Athletic Program: Baseball, Crew, Rifle, Exhibitions, etc.
3:30 P.M. Assembly in Council Ring; Dean Lobdell, President Compton
4:15 P.M. Athletic Program (cont.); Faculty—Counsellor Softball Game Exhibitions
5:30 P.M. Swim
6:15 P.M. Supper and Announcements
7:10 P.M. Assembly in Council Ring
8:00 P.M. Assembly in Friendship Lodge
The Homberg Infirmary—Dr. Chamberlain
8:30 P.M. Movies—"The Freshman Comes to Tech"
"The Dingbie Relaxation"—Jack Wood
9:45 P.M. Counsellors' meeting
10:00 P.M. Taps

SUNDAY

7:30 A.M. Reveille; Setting-Up Exercises; Dip
8:00 A.M. Breakfast and Announcements
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Freshman Camp Schedule

Fraternity Rushing Forbidden At Camp

Guard Is Detailed To Enforce Customary Ruling

As in past years, fraternity rushing at the Freshman Camp is strictly forbidden, under rules formulated by the T.C.A. and sanctioned by the Inter-Fraternity Conference. To enforce this ruling, a guard has been detailed at the camp entrance, and no unauthorized persons will be permitted to enter the camp grounds.

Following the custom of the past few years, there can be no rushing from the time the freshmen enter the busses for the camp until they return to the campus on Registration Day. All freshmen going must go in the official busses and return in them. Permission to enter the camp grounds can be obtained only from the directors, and no automobiles will be allowed on the camp grounds without special permit.

Letters have been sent to the presidents of the various fraternities advising them of the rulings, and notifying them that the Inter-Fraternity Conference has sanctioned the rules.

Low Rates Offered By Railway Express

Designed for the convenience of men desirous of sending laundry home, the Railway Express Agency is announcing a new service with special low rates and speedy delivery. The driver will call for and deliver the laundry, thus taking this bother from the student's hands.

A further advantage, according to the Agency, is that express charges may be collected on delivery if the student does not wish to prepay the shipment.



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PROLOGUE

CLASS OF 1942

Following an established custom, The Tech extends a welcome to incoming freshmen, to College Transfers, and to new graduate students.

The College Transfers and the graduate students will find life at the Institute different from that at most other schools and colleges. For them, however, the gap between their former existence and the life they begin Monday will not be great. They will have accustomed themselves to freedom in the management of their daily lives, to less rigorous control in the classroom, and to the loss of the comforts of home. In general, they will be less bewildered, with the poise and certainty which comes from maturity in years and from experience.

The freshman, however, comes to Technology often from a family which ministers only to his comfort. He will find that here he is merely one of 3000 students. He will feel alone at first, but contact with his fellow students in extracurricular activities, will bring him friends. In addition, he will be absorbed for some time in adjusting himself to the demands of the Technology curriculum.

There are men at the Institute who feel that they have come here to learn a trade, and any subject not directly concerned with this pursuit they disdain as useless. The freshman must guard against this feeling, for here he should receive an education as well as a professional training. If he feels that his program is heavy, he should realize that industry today demands not only well-trained men, but men who have a good cultural background. And because professional success also entails dealing with others, he should not forget that Technology, in addition to being a "place for men to work," is also a place for men to play and thus to learn to work with other men.

NEW GYMNASIUM

ON ITS WAY

Happy indeed should be the whole student body upon the realization that finally there will be some actual work started on the new athletic equipment that Technology needs so much. To those who have worked days, weeks, and months that are gradually adding

up to years, the task has been grueling and unending. This is their first small reward.

Starting the glorious drive was encouraging at first, then after the first shocking realization that the money would not come pouring in the dogged drive was begun. Attempt after attempt was made to convince the alumni of the need for new athletic facilities, but never has the handicap of the Recession been overcome.

The drive is not over. There is still a long way to go. The new equipment that is being installed is merely the prologue of what we hope will be a huge program of construction, helping in its mute way to bring the support of alumni who have hung back.

Through the kindness of those men who have worked and played here before us, we can enjoy better facilities for keeping and obtaining good health as well as good education. Unless more of these men soon see the advantages they can offer us, the project will have to wait till we who are students can afford to subscribe the remaining funds.

ARCHITECTS

A LINK RETURNED

For the first time since these new buildings split the Institute between two cities, we start to work all under one roof. At last we are truly welded into one body studying on the scientific road to education. Like the unit that we are, we can now, more than before work and learn and play together all benefitting from the association.

One seldom hears any mention of the past years when Technology had little more centralization than a University with each department jealously nipping at each other. By hard work and intelligent steering, many petty differences have been put aside increasing the efficiency of the Institute and raising the standards and reputations of all the departments in unison.

This year our Architectural School joins our Engineering School for more efficiencies in classes, buildings, administration, and spirit. Just as there is now no distinction between Chemists and Electrical Engineers, there must soon be none between architect and engineer.

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Cedric Valentine, Crew
D. Macerata, Fencing
Herbert Forsell, Gym
George Owen, Hockey
Walter Tucker, Lacrosse
Malcolm Goldie, Soccer
J. Jarosh, Swimming

John L. Summers, Tennis and Squash
Sgt. Harold F. McDonnell, Rifle
Jay Ricks, Wrestling
Pat Manning, Crew
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Undergraduate Notice

Seniors and graduate students who have not yet signed up for sittings for their Technique photographs must do so on Sept. 26 or 27 in the main lobby. Those men failing to do so will not be able to have their pictures published in the year book.

FRESHMEN

Dine with the Upperclassmen

in your own

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WALKER MEMORIAL

Reviews and Previews

METROPOLITAN — An enthusiastic audience at this house last night belied the dearth of enthusiasm that has been current the last few months. That a good picture is better than a poor one and that two good ones are better than one, was definitely proved by those attending the first showings of *Four Daughters* and *Campus Confessions*. The former is a faithful adaptation of a story by Fannie Hurst. The Lane sisters, Gale Page, Claud Rains, John Garfield, Jeffrey Lynn, Dick Foran, and Frank McHugh were members of an appropriately chosen cast. Of special interest to this reviewer was Priscilla Lane's surprisingly competent character performance as the love-struck heroine. *Campus Confessions* will give you the college life that unfortunately is lacking at M.I.T., as is its star, Betty Grable.

LOEWS STATE AND ORPHEUM — *In I Am the Law*, Edward G. Robinson plays a prosecutor fighting for the police instead of against them as he did in his famous portrayal of *Little Caesar*. The companion feature is *The Gladiator*, with Joe E. Brown.

UPTOWN — Starting today, *Gateway*, with Don Ameche and Arlene Whelan, story of a helpless, immigrant Scotch girl and her strong, he-man protector, is combined with *Crime Ring* in the customary double feature program.

EXETER — Warren William and Gail Patrick are the stars of *Wives Under Suspicion*, which alternates here with *Mother Carey's Chickens*. The latter picture brings Ruby Keeler back to the screen. You'll like it if you can stand your sentimental photoplay straight.

MODERN AND SCOLLAY — George Raft, Dorothy Lamour, and Wayne Morris turn in a vigorous portrayal of a vigorous story of a vigorous country. We were on the edge of our seats during the entire performance of *Spawn of the North*. The Jones Family plows its way through *Safety in Numbers* to complete a double feature program.

UNIVERSITY — Joan Bennett and Randolph Scott are starred in *The Texans*. This is another of those blood and thunder, empire building stories that we enjoy. We think you'll like it too. Smart Erwin shows you what it's like to be a *Passport Husband*.

Soph President

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nearly escaped detection by breathing through tubes while lying concealed beneath the surface of the water, or by hiding in secret partitions in the Tech Cabin. (Several surprise raids should by all means be made on the Tech Cabin, and the interior scrutinized for secret passages or trap doors. Any suspicious persons in the Cabin's vicinity should be ducked on sight.)

Realizing the difficulty with which the class of '42 will be faced, The Tech, in order that tradition will not be broken, or the class of '42 lose face, has decided to give the freshmen a break by publishing not only a photograph of the president (taken after the surgical operation) but a complete description of him:

John Murdock is a young man of medium build, has sandy hair and freckles profusely scattered on his body. (Any character having more than a negligible amount of freckles should therefore be ducked regardless of any proof of identity). Murdock can be immediately identified by a small mole located about one centimeter below and to the right of his thirteenth vertebra. He has exceptionally large feet with six toes on his left foot. (It is suspected that the mole and sixth toe may have been removed by amputation, so that any person lacking these characteristics is not necessarily free from suspicion.)

In an interview Murdock appeared

supremely confident beneath his disguise and did not give any clue which might lead to the location of his hiding place.

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SPORTS COMMENT

This column today is, of course, aimed primarily at the entering class of '42—commonly known as the "freshmen". And we mean "commonly".

One of the things you freshmen at camp (if the camp grounds succeeded in weathering the recent breeze) will have dinned into your ears by every other official in ear-range is that old adage: "A healthy mind in a healthy body." This being the case we feel no need to talk about it.

But there is one thing not so well known to you frosh; and that is sports are one of the major industries here at Tech. No, or few, intercollegiate stars are produced by the industry. Instead its major product is a lot of fun, and a chance to play any game you want to for as long as you want to.

Tech teams are not built only on the principle of beating old Dofunkus U., our ancient rival. A winning team is something, of course, that they all try for; but Tech coaches do not lose sight of the main aim of sports; which, after all, is furnish fun and exercise to the players.

It is for that reason that few Tech teams are ever cut, and never if there are facilities to take care of all the players, first string or otherwise.

Freshmen, if you like any sport, there is a place for you on that Tech team, whether you are stellar material or only "play at it". And you can be sure you will be given a chance to work with or on any team so long as you want to do so.

You will find every intercollegiate sport here except baseball and football, and you will find those two in intramural sports.

Of course all this above may not mean much to you frosh, when you learn that whether you want to or not you are in for a certain amount of exercise this year. But you will also find out that you are allowed to substitute a sport for the Physical Training. And we think that if you freshmen will seize that chance to start in with some sport right now, and stick with it for your entire four years, you will find that you have followed a policy which has not only made you a host of friends, but in the majority of cases a certain amount of comfortable prestige.

And there is one other phase of Institute athletic life which is one of the growing activities of the school. This is the program of intramural sports — sports between fraternity houses, between dormitories, between fraternities and dormitories and commuters. You freshmen can get in here almost on the ground floor, not only in the sports themselves but also in the managerial positions. And it is one of the coming things, as is shown by the extent of intramural sports in other colleges.

You will have your first stab at sports at Freshman Camp, and your first chance to meet the various coaches. And for pete's sake, don't miss the chance.

New Bemis Foundation To Spread Knowledge On Adequate Housing

John E. Burchard Will Direct Activities of Memorial Foundation

Establishment of the Albert Farwell Bemis Foundation as a separate division of the Institute was announced by President Compton in a recent release to The Tech. The purpose of the foundation will be the search for and the dissemination of knowledge pertaining to adequate, economical, and abundant housing.

Created by a grant from the Albert Farwell Bemis Charity Trust, the new foundation is a memorial to the man who, as a graduate of the Institute and life member of the Corporation, contributed generously to the fund for dormitories, as well as to the summer engineering camp and research funds.

Directing the foundation will be John E. Burchard, recipient of the

degree of Master of Science in Architectural Engineering from the Institute in 1925 and vice-president of the Bemis Industries, Inc., where he was closely associated with the late Mr. Bemis.

Mr. Burchard will begin his

duties as director of the foundation in September when the Institute officially

opens for the fall term.

The Bemis Foundation will cooper-

ate with the Departments of Archi-

ecture and Civil Engineering and the

Division of Industrial Cooperation,

though its major policies will be de-

termined by Dr. Compton with the

counsel of an advisory committee

composed of men prominent in the

architecture and building professions.

Gym

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present Barbour Field House is to start in the spring and the pool should be completed by the fall of 1939.

Technology's track will be 28 feet wide on the straightaways, thus permitting six lanes for use in the hurdle events, and 20 feet wide on the back stretch and turns. The track, built for use under the English system of yards, will also be marked for metric races.

Designer of the Institute's new oval is Frederick W. Rubien, Sr., internationally known in sports as secretary of the American Olympic Committee since 1914 and as a consultant on running track construction.

Actual supervision of the work is under his son, Frederick W. Rubien, Jr. After Field Day the old track is to be torn up and the cinders sifted to ascertain what can be used in the new track. The bottom layer is to be put in before winter and allowed to settle during the cold season. Next spring the top layer of light cinders will be placed on the track, which should be ready for use in April.

Announcement . . .

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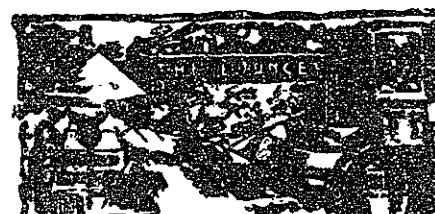
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MONDAY

6:45 A.M. Reveille
7:15 A.M. Breakfast and Announcements
8:00 A.M. Departure for Cambridge in Time for Registration.



The Tech To Hold Smoker For Interested Freshmen

For the benefit of new men who desire to become more familiar with The Tech, a smoker will be held on October 3. All freshmen interested in undergraduate newspaper work are invited to attend. Besides refreshments consisting of cider and doughnuts, the program will include brief discussions by board members of the various phases of student newspaper work — news, advertising, business, editorials, photography, and features.

Freshmen who desire to become acquainted with The Tech and its staff members before the smoker are also invited to drop in any time at the News Room and Business Office in Walker Memorial.

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